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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments, responses and remarks are submitted in the above-identified application responsive to the Office Action (Paper No. 13) dated on November 4, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 1, 5 and 12, and **add** claims 17-20, as follows:

*B1* *twice*  
**1. (Twice Amended)** A workflow control method in a workflow system connected to a plurality of client computers for carrying out business procedures each comprising a plurality of related business processes, at least one of the

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